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to put a little...some trust into DEQ. I think they've done a good job but they've been, like I said, overwhelmed here, here lately, and I just think we need to let them do their job for the future waters of this state. And I have faith in our operators out there, our livestock operators, that if they are doing something wrong they will want to fix it too, because they're...they're going to be living right there with their own water supply, so they don't want to hurt the water or the environment either. I think the ag...the livestock and ag people of this state are very good environmentalists. They have to be if they want to stay in business. So I think this is a...were just another process we're going through here with LB 1209. This amendment is basically technical that will help that process work better so I want to...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...have the body approve the amendment. We'll go on to some other amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Before we move to the next speaker this morning, as a surprise guest of Senator Owen Elmer is his sons and...or son and daughters. They're here to help Senator Elmer celebrate his last week in the Legislature, and so I'm going to introduce them individually. They're his daughter and...I apologize for names so bear with me, is it Crinda, and her husband, Rick McConville, and their children, Layne, Allie and Casa; son Lewis and his wife, Lavenda, and their children, Bill, Felicia and Richard; his daughter Jeana and her husband, Brian Kruger, and their children, Matthew, Christopher and Brianna; and then his daughter Sharma and her husband, Rob Dunder, and their daughter, Emma. Would you all please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Senator Elmer also forgot to include his wife, Donna. She's here. Thank you, Donna, for being with us. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Schellpeper.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schellpeper, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.